

MRS. COLT SPURNS BIGAMOUS BANKER

Will Begin Action to Have
Marriage Annulled.

SON WILL BRING ACTION

Legal Wife Prostrated by Exposure,
and Sons Are Amazed at
Disclosures.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Through her son, Wilson Colt, Mrs. Flora B. Colt announced today that she would begin immediate action to secure the annulment of her marriage to Thomas W. Kiley, president of the Northside Bank of Brooklyn, who has confessed that he is a bigamist.

Mrs. Colt declared that she had no knowledge of Banker Kiley's whereabouts, and denied emphatically that she was harboring him in the richly furnished home he provided for her. She was indignant over the report that she had gone away with Kiley.

Son Defends Mother.

"Mother is almost prostrated over the exposure of Mr. Kiley's double life," said young Wilson Colt today, "and she wishes the public to understand that she is innocent of any wrongdoing. She married Mr. Kiley because she thought he had no wife living. But she is through with him for all time."

"Mr. Kiley grossly deceived my mother and nothing he could do would ever cause her to forgive him. We do not want to know my mother. We do not want to know my mother's wishes now is to be legally free from him."

The full story of Kiley's courtship of and marriage to Mrs. Colt will be revealed next Thursday when Lawyer John S. Griffith's suit against Mrs. Colt comes before Justice Garrison, in Brooklyn.

Legal Wife Critically Ill.

Kiley's legal wife, it is stated today, is critically ill as a result of the exposure. Her sons have not yet recovered from their surprise at learning that their uncle was their stepfather and that he had married their mother soon after the death of his brother more than twelve years ago.

CHINA'S PROGRESS SLOW AFFIRMS LECTURER WILLIS

A lecture on "Impressions of China" was given last night in All Souls' Church by Bailey Willis, of the Geological Survey, under the auspices of the Unitarian Club.

In speaking of the reputed progress of the country Mr. Willis said that had been greatly exaggerated and that while China is materially progressing she is not making the tremendous strides with which she is credited.

JOHN R. WILLIAMS LIKELY AS REPUBLICAN SECRETARY

John R. Williams, file clerk of the House, is discussed as the probable secretary of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee. Mr. Williams has held his position many years, and there is hardly an employee of the body who has more personal friends or enjoys a larger confidence of the members. He has been for a long time connected with the Congressional committee's work, and is considered peculiarly fit for it. He is a Pennsylvania man, a good organizer, and has had both experience and success as an executive.

STRIKERS LOOSING FIGHT IN FRENCH COAL MINES

PARIS, March 23.—Several of the important mines in the Lens coal district resumed work today. The resumption of these mines has had a discouraging effect upon the main body of the strikers, who are still standing out for the granting of their demands.

Smokers for Women? Never! Say Railroaders



"Real Loidies" Will Please Puff in Their Own Boudoirs.

LONDON, March 23.—Three women accompanied by a man calmly engaged and occupied the smoking carriage on today's American steamer express from Euston station to Liverpool. The incident was made use of to emphasize the startling revelations of the extent to which smoking has captured the feminine heart of England. Hitherto smoking among women was popularly regarded as a fad confined to certain exclusive circles in West End society.

If America is to maintain her position as the most progressive nation on the globe, the smoking car for women is the next departure in modern railroading. The opinion expressed by rail-road officials throughout this city in response to inquiries begun by The Times seemed to agree that if the sanctity of American womanhood was to be smudged by the smoke of cigarettes, cigars, and possibly a pipe, then we shall take off our hats to the English woman as having progressed one step farther than our ladies care to tread.

This is the gist of the opinion expressed by Col. L. S. Brown, general agent of the Southern railway in this city. "What do you think will be the result of the invasion of American railroads by the smoking car for women?" he was asked.

American Women "Real Ladies." "I want the people of this country, and especially of this city, to understand that the women of the section through which the road which I represent travels are ladies of the first water. That answers the question."

"But, colonel, it is rumored that New York society women heartily endorse the suggestion of the English railroad." "Some American women, I know, would be willing to go to almost any limits to ape the manners and customs of the English, but it would pain me extremely to believe that any woman who had a claim to the same country to which my wife belongs would countenance for an instant any such suggestion. If what is rumored is true, then I am badly fooled in my estimation of the American woman. Still, there is hope for them. The smoking cars for men will still be used."

When the question as to whether his road would adopt the new departure of the English railroad was propounded to B. M. Newbold, passenger agent of the southeastern district of the Pennsylvania railroad, he replied that he anticipated no such demand by the women of America in spite of the rapid progress they had made in the last few years toward usurping the rights and privileges of the men.

"Not until the ladies of this country begin to smoke upon the streets will my road adopt the smoking car for them. It would be an added expense, that from my observation, would have no justification whatever."

"It is stated that one of the New

York branches of the Woman's Rights societies has taken the matter up, and are claiming that the same privileges and luxuries should be provided for them by the railroad," he was told.

"It makes no difference to me what these people want. They are expressing the opinion of the few, and we are laboring to accommodate the many. Why, the thing would be opposed to the entire policy upon which we operate our lines. For instance, we sell no second class tickets on our roads, but some of the Western roads with which we connect do sell them. We have arranged that all passengers riding on second class tickets shall use the smoking car, but when a woman presents a ticket she is allowed to ride in a first class coach provided that she makes a creditable appearance. This concession has been made because of our knowledge of the peculiar sensitive nature of the average woman. Is it likely that we shall go to the expense of adding a special car for the accommodation of women who have become so depraved that they will display their weakness to the public?"

S. B. Hegg, district passenger agent for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, is manifestly strongly against any such institution in the United States. "Whenever I deal with any question affecting the ladies," he said, "I try to handle it in a way to elevate and dignify them, and I think it most undignified for ladies to smoke. I cannot agree or countenance any public enterprise which sufficiently recognizes the smoking fad among women to provide special 'smokers' for their use. Any such recognition in this country would be to lessen the dignity and womanliness which has made our American women the envy of the world."

"I do not think much of the new custom in England and feel sure that it will not reach this country. I do not believe the grandchildren of the younger generation today will see such an institution, for the American pride and American spirit is sufficient to uphold a dignity which such a course would not only lessen but destroy altogether."

REMARKABLE HORSE.

There is a horse that catches rats and mice in Manchester, England. If a rat or mouse runs across his manger, he will grab it and if successful in getting it will drop it into his bucket of water, which is always left with him.—Detroit News.

BETWEEN GAMECOCK AND DUNSEVERRICK

Chevy Chase Pink Coat Duel
Promised.

LEE EVANS VS. DION KERR

Contest Between Gentlemen Riders as
Interesting as That Between Horses.
Also Tompkins vs. Garth.

The impression about Benning just now seems to be that the Chevy Chase Pink Coat race, no matter how many horses start or who may own them, will eventually become a duel between Gamecock and Dunseverrick.

Both these horses will be well ridden. Lee Evans, the most successful cross-country rider of the non-professional class on the Eastern tracks last year, will pilot Gamecock, and Dion Kerr, the pride of the Chevy Chase Hunt, who rode some famous races a few years back, on poor old Joe Leiter, will bestride Dunseverrick.

Gamecock, a son of Blackcock and Valorous, was formerly the property of Dr. Kerr; the doctor bred him, in fact. He passed into the possession of Mr. Cotton last season, and ran famously in the first Whitney Memorial Steeplechase at Belmont Park. Gamecock galloped aside for stride with doughty Good and Plenty, the champion winner of 1904, to the last fence. But he hit that fence and went down. Whether he would have beat Good and Plenty if he had kept his feet is a debatable question.

Trained by Tompkins.

Gamecock is much admired by Virginians who have seen him recently at Mr. Cotton's wintering place near Warrenton. Gwyn Tompkins has schooled him diligently and the friends of Tompkins predict that he will jump better and run farther this season than ever before.

Mr. Evans will be as fit to ride on Chevy Chase Day as Gamecock will be fit to run and jump. He, too, has been in Virginia all winter and the better part of the time he has ridden to the hounds. Dunseverrick is only a four-year-old, but he is a particularly prepossessing animal. Contract, one of the best bred horses in Virginia, out of Dr. Kerr's mare, Aunt Sally, a daughter of Salvatore. He is a big, fine rucked fellow, and he raced a bit at Pimlico and Benning last fall, losing exceedingly well off very little training.

Mr. Kerr Good Trainer.

When Dunseverrick gets to the races this year he will be a vastly more proficient fencer than he was last fall. Dion Kerr has been busy with him pretty much all winter. Young Mr. Kerr is as clever a trainer as he is a rider. He has recently established a unique enterprise at Warrenton. He takes two-year-olds intended for cross-country racing and teaches them to jump from the very beginning of their careers.

Mr. Kerr is pursuing a course Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., has followed with conspicuous success several years. Some time back Mr. Hitchcock abandoned the absurd American practice of buying worn-out flat horses and putting them through the field, and took to purchasing big, young yearlings and two-year-olds and training them from infancy. It is to this system he considers himself indebted for Good and Plenty, Foxhunter and Hyacinth, three of the cleverest fencers, and by all odds the most profitable money earners that ever bore his famous green jacket. The scheme commends itself to all thinking horsemen.

Since Dunseverrick has been at Benning, Billy Garth has trained him. That he is well trained goes without saying. The Virginia horseman has a pretty thorough knowledge of his business. Just now, Mr. Kerr weighs 141 or 145 pounds, but he figures that he can take five or six pounds off in a few days.

DAILY FACT.

The earliest record of the existence of the mariner's compass was found in 1180. But the Chinese appear to have had knowledge of it at least as early as B. C. 204.—The Scrapbook.

Isle of Pines Treaty Stands Little Chance

Morgan's Refusal to Quesada to Lessen His
Hostility, and Other Signs, Indicate
Defeat in Senate.

The Isle of Pines treaty, providing for the final cession to Cuba of sovereignty over this island is in grave danger of defeat. Nobody seems to be particularly in favor of it, while on the other hand there is an enthusiastic and determined opposition.

The Isle of Pines was specifically set aside by the treaty of Paris for future discussion and decision, between Cuba and the United States. It was long assumed by some to be the property of the United States, and to the State Department's treaty to turn it over to Cuba, opposition has arisen from several causes. A great number of Americans, believing the island to be a possession of this country, has settled or acquired property interests there. Further, these men say, the Cuban government has been unfaithful and undiplomatic in its attitude toward the Americans in the island. Finally, there is a disposition in the Senate not to accept the treaties and arrangements that, making up the foreign policy of the Roosevelt Administration, have to receive the Senate's ratification.

Quesada Sees Morgan.

Recently Senator Quesada, the Cuban minister here, urged Senator Morgan of Alabama to moderate his hostility toward this treaty. In substance, Mr. Morgan replied:

"You should say to your government in Cuba that it ought to be careful about its attitude in this and other matters. The people of the United States do not take seriously the theory of the independence of Cuba. To press matters to any conclusion in which popular feeling in the United States would find an expression, would be to take dangerous chances that your island would be annexed to the United States."

Senator Quesada protested the sincerity of his government in its belief that it was entitled to the island, and Senator Morgan tried to convince him that Cuba would be better off without the island.

Dangerous to Cuba.

"You may find it," said Senator Morgan, in effect, "a constant occasion of friction with the United States. It is extremely important to you that it have a government with which its people will be satisfied. Otherwise, it will become a rallying point for malcontents, a breeding place for insurrection. There will

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ARMY OFFICER, HAZED, IS BROKEN IN HEALTH

Englishman, Too Poor to Join in
Revels, Is Tattered and
Feathered.

LONDON, March 23.—A young officer of one of the regiments at Aldershot is completely broken down as the result of hazing.

He declared that he could not meet the usual regimental subscriptions. Consequently he frequently absented himself from the company of the other officers and kept to his own room. His fellow-officers resented this, and to show their disapproval they stripped him, smeared him with motor oil, covered him with feathers, and plastered his hair with jam. He escaped to his room, in which he barricaded himself.

His tormentors smashed down the door, whereupon the victim leaped from a window and sought refuge in a hotel. The other officers could not find him, and he was reported to his superiors as being absent without leave. His physician telegraphed to the colonel of the regiment that the young officer is seriously ill. The secretary of state for war, Mr. Haldane, has ordered an inquiry.



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